

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 2-22 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1 and 2 have been amended herein. Pending claims 1 and 2 are presented below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application. Please enter the claims as amended.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) An isolated phosphorylated polypeptide ~~having protein methylglyoxal modifying activity, wherein the isolated polypeptide comprises~~ consisting of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1, ~~and wherein the isolated phosphorylated polypeptide is phosphorylated at one or more positions selected from the group consisting of Ser 8, Ser 21, Ser 26 and Thr 107 of SEQ ID NO:1~~ Ser 45 and Thr 98.

2. (Currently Amended) An isolated phosphorylated polypeptide ~~having protein methylglyoxal modifying activity, wherein the isolated polypeptide comprises an~~ comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1, ~~and wherein the isolated phosphorylated polypeptide is phosphorylated at one or more positions selected from the group consisting of Ser 45 and Thr 98~~.

3-22. (Canceled).